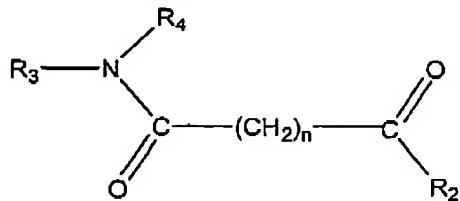


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30.

A compound having the structure:

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wherein R₃ is hydrogen and R₄ cycloalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylalkyloxy, or pyridine group, or R₃ and R₄ bond together to form a piperidine group; R₂ is a hydroxylamino group; and n is an integer selected from the group consisting of 5, 6, 7 and 8.

END

REMARKS

Claims 22-27 and 31 have been cancelled. Claims 18, 19 (Newly added upon filing) and 30 (Newly added in Amendment A) have been amended to recite that n of the methylene chain (-CH₂-)_n is an integer selected from the group consisting of 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Support for the amendments set forth herein can be found in the accompanying paper entitled, "Statement of Status and Support For All Claims."

Information Disclosure Statement

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on October 10, 2002. Acknowledgment of consideration of the reference cited therein is requested in the next communication from the Office.

Rejection of Claims 18, 19, 22-27, 30 and 31 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected Claims 18, 19, 22-27, 30 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner stated that Claims 18, 19, 22-27, 30 and 31 do not find support and basis in the Specification. Applicants respectfully disagree.

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The Examiner has predicated the rejection of Claims 18, 19, 30 and 31 on the phrase "5 to about 8" found therein. As a preliminary matter, Claim 31 has been cancelled. As such, the rejection is moot with regard to this claim. Claims 18, 19 and 30 have been amended to recite that the integer, n, of the methylene linker is selected from the group consisting of 5, 6, 7 and 8. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at Table 1, Compounds 2-5, wherein the integer n is 5, 6, 7 or 8, respectively. As such, specific support for the definition of the integer n, as amended, is present in the Specification. In view of the above, Claims 18, 19 and 30, particularly as amended, are patentable.

Claims 22-27 have been cancelled. As such, the rejection is moot with regard to these claims.

In view of the above, Claims 18, 19 and 30, particularly as amended, meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 341-0036.

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